

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting: August 7-8, 2009

Agenda Item 9: Lands Division Overview – **Briefing**

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Background:

Lands Overview: In the Wildlife Program, the Lands Division functions to manage ~900,000 acres of land owned and/or managed by the Department and 650+ water access sites, conducts all real estate transactions (purchase, sale, leasing, etc.), and implements the Private Lands Program. The Lands Division budget is half of the entire Wildlife Program budget.

Operation and Maintenance Funding: Stewardship, operations, and maintenance resources have not kept pace with the Department's success in habitat acquisition. The Department's ability to fulfill its stewardship responsibilities for these public resources is being severely impacted by funding limitations and the continued rising costs associated with land management. The Strategic Funding Plan was developed to address these issues.

Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Endorsement of the Strategic Funding Plan to improve operations and maintenance (O&M) funding for Department lands.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

- 1) Early in the development of the Strategic Funding Plan, the former Lands Management Advisory Council reviewed and provided input on an outline and timeline of the strategy. They identified additional stakeholders that should be included when we move into the implementation process of the plan.
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Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

None, briefing only. This is a Commission request from the December 7-8, 2007 Commission meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications plan:

- WDFW Website
 - News Releases
 - Hunting Pamphlets
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